
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE REVIEW OF THE
REGULATION OF MIXED MARTIAL ARTS.

1 WHEREAS, mixed martial arts contests originated in Brazil
2 in the early 1900s, rose to popularity in the United States in
3 the early 1990s, and are now sanctioned in at least thirty-nine
4 states; and

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6 WHEREAS, the definition of a mixed martial arts contest is
7 not clearly defined, and has been described as a mix of tae kwon
8 do, boxing, wrestling, and judo, and involves a pair of skilled
9 athletes who attempt to inflict the most physical injury in
10 order to obtain a knockout, technical knockout, or submission of
11 the other opponent; and

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13 WHEREAS, mixed martial arts contests are sometimes confused
14 with toughman contests, which are "no holds barred", or "no
15 rules" contests and are banned in Hawaii; and

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17 WHEREAS, mixed martial arts is a full contact sport with
18 inherent dangers, and regulation of the sport would protect the
19 health, safety, and welfare of the participants; and

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21 WHEREAS, the regulation of mixed martial arts contests
22 would legitimize the sport and recognize its growing popularity;
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25 WHEREAS, section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires
26 that "[n]ew regulatory measures being considered for enactment
27 that, if enacted, would subject unregulated professions and
28 vocations to licensing or other regulatory controls shall be
29 referred to the auditor for analysis"; and

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31 WHEREAS, H.B. No. 3223, introduced during the 2006 Regular
32 Session, proposes to regulate mixed martial arts contests; now,
33 therefore,



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 2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
 3 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
 4 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
 5 requested to perform a sunrise review of the regulation of mixed
 6 martial arts contests; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
 9 report findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later
 10 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
 11 of 2007; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor.
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